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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer: With the psalmist who sang through turbulent times, let us pray for our military and the Nation.

"I love You, Lord, my strength, my rock, my fortress, my savior. My God is a cave where I take refuge; my shield, my protection, my stronghold. The Lord is worthy of all praise, as I call out to be saved from all enemies.

"The Lord came to me because I stood aright. My hands were clean in his sight. You proved loving to those who love you. You show Yourself righteous with the righteous. With the sincere You show Yourself sincere, but the cunning You outdo in cunning; for You save a humble people, but humiliate the self-righteous.

"You, O Lord, are like a lamp. My God enlightens my darkness. With You, I can break through any barrier; with my God, I can scale any wall."

Both now and forever. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House her approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentlewoman from the Virgin Islands (Mrs. CHRISTENSEN) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Ms. Curtis, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has agreed to without amendment a concurrent resolution of the House of the following title:

H. Con. Res. 158. Concurrent resolution expressing support for the designation of an Early Detection Month for breast cancer and all forms of cancer.

The message also announced that the Senate has passed a bill of the following title in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 30. An act to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to prohibit manipulation of caller identification information.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain up to 15 1-minutes on each side of the aisle.

PHILADELPHIA TRANSPORTATION GRANT WILL CREATE JOBS

(Ms. SCHWARTZ asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. SCHWARTZ. One year after its enactment, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act is creating jobs, about 2 million nationally, and making smart investments in communities across the Nation.

Last week, the City of Philadelphia received a \$17.2 million grant to develop an integrated, multicounty bicycle and pedestrian network. This network will be a unique asset to the Philadelphia region and will transform biking and pedestrian greenways in our region.

Residents will benefit greatly from this network of trails and street improvements, using them to commute to work, to go to school, to the local grocery store, and it will create new opportunities along the North Delaware

Riverfront in my district for recreation as well as for residential and economic development. The fact that this project was one of just 61 projects funded out of 1,380 applications demonstrates the substantial need for such infrastructure investments nationally.

My Democratic colleagues and I are working for innovative solutions to create jobs, to promote clean and safe communities in which we live and work and raise our families.

ANNIVERSARY OF BROTHERS TO THE RESCUE SHOOTDOWN

(Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, the cause for freedom suffered a deep loss yesterday with the death of political prisoner Orlando Zapata Tamayo, the latest victim of the Cuban tyranny.

And today we sadly commemorate the 1996 murder by the Cuban regime of Carlos Costa, Armando Alejandre, Mario de la Pena, and Pablo Morales. As they searched for those who were risking their lives in the Atlantic in pursuit of freedom in the United States, Cuban military jets mercilessly shot them down in international airspace.

Some choose to ignore the brutality of the Cuban dictatorship, introducing a bill this week to lift parts of the embargo that would reward the regime.

Instead, I ask that we honor the memory of those lost to the cause of liberty in Cuba and redouble our efforts to turn their dream of a free Cuba into a reality.

HEALTH CARE REFORM

(Mrs. CHRISTENSEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

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